

# Do I need to show ID to vote?

*This information is for **registered voters** voting at a polling place.\**

## Elections held prior to January 1, 2018

**NO.** Presenting ID is voluntary unless otherwise required by law (e.g., voter moved within the county, etc.).

## Elections held January 1 – December 31, 2018

**YES.** ID is required, HOWEVER registered voters without the required ID can sign an oath attesting to their identity.

Acceptable forms of ID:

- Iowa driver's license or non-operator identification card
- US passport
- US military or veteran's identification card
- Voter ID card issued under the new law

*Absentee voters must provide Iowa driver's license or non-operator number OR PIN number from Voter ID Card on the request form.*

NOTE: the voter information card previously provided by county auditors will not be valid as proof of identity.

## Elections held January 1, 2019 and beyond

**YES.** ID is required (see list in box above).

Registered voters without the required ID or another voter who can attest to their identity will be issued a provisional ballot.

\* Election Day Registrants must always provide both proof of identity and proof of residence to vote a regular ballot.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Who is a registered voter?

A registered voter is someone who has completed a [voter registration form](#) and submitted it to the Auditor's Office prior to the deadline. The deadline to register before any election is 11 days prior (10 days for federal elections). Registered voters appear in the election register at their assigned polling places. They receive a mailed confirmation of their registration from the Auditor's Office.

### What is a Voter ID card?

Registered voters who do not have an Iowa driver's license or a non-operator's ID will be issued a voter ID card. **Voter ID cards must be signed before going to the polls.** Voter ID cards were first mailed starting in December of 2017.

### What is Election Day Registration (EDR)?

EDR allows Iowans to register and vote at their proper polling locations provided they can furnish valid proof of identity and proof of residency. For complete information go to:

<https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/edr.html>

### What is a provisional ballot?

A provisional ballot is issued to voters whose qualifications to vote have been challenged, voters who cannot prove they are qualified to vote, and voters who requested absentee ballots but did not surrender them at the polls.

### How can I get an Iowa driver's license or non-operator ID?

To obtain an Iowa driver's license or identification card, you must document your date of birth, identity, and lawful status or presence in the United States as well as your Social Security number (if you have one) and two documents showing your current Iowa residence. You can create a personal checklist of the documents you will need to satisfy Iowa's identification requirements by following the steps listed here:

[www.iowadot.gov/mvd/realid/success.html](http://www.iowadot.gov/mvd/realid/success.html)